

Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday February 22nd

Eucharistic Ministers 10am	Eucharistic Ministers 6pm	Readers 10am January	Readers 6pm January	Weekday readers This week	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays
Ted Cross	Pearle Gorman	Clare Clegg	Audrey Stedford	Liam McMahon	Comfort Mensah
Margaret Duffy	Santosh Pinto	Thomas McCormack	Caroline Fahey	Bridie Close	Barbara Philips
Margaret Hennigan	Julia Traynor	James Walsh	John Press	Counting Team	
Christine Kelly	Little Church	Tea & Coffee		A Brown	
Bernadette Kirstein	Anne & Angela	Bridie Close	10am Offertory	B Moorhouse	
John McCormack		G Oakley	volunteers	Julie Comerford	Cleaning team
Geraldine Fury		Sam Collins		James Walsh	End of month

FAMILY FLOWERS: Thank you for the continued gifts of flowers for the Church.

Flower list is at the back of Church. Thank you

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £654 90p Thank you

S	S	Y	A	D	E	S	S	T	E	SPIRIT	WILDERNESS	TEMPTED
T	S	N	T	E	M	P	T	E	D	SATAN	WILD	BEASTS
S	P	E	I	R	I	T	P	S	E	ANGELS	GOOD	NEWS
A	N	W	N	R	O	I	E	M	T	CLOSE	REPENT	BELIEVE
E	S	A	I	R	A	F	V	P	S			
B	E	T	T	N	E	P	E	R	E			
A	S	O	G	A	G	D	I	D	R			
T	O	E	O	O	S	E	L	W	R			
A	L	A	O	G	E	I	E	I	A			
S	C	D	N	E	W	S	B	L	W			

Items for the Bulletin can be left at the **Presbytery** or emailed to michaelkujacz@hotmail.com **by Wednesday evening** as the Newsletter for inclusion the following Sunday is usually published Friday Morning. **Signed Mass Cards** can be obtained from Bridie Close, 44 Shawbrook Rd, during the week or on Sundays from the Bookstall (back of Church) or the Piety Stall (Parish Hall).

The Divine Mercy prayer Group are meeting together on Thursday's at 1-30pm in the Church; why not join them?

TODDLERS GROUP. The group is open. 9.30am --11.30am every Tuesday; Further enquiries to Anne 431 7212.

Our Monday Club, "young at heart" is open and always delighted to have new people from the Parish and our local community.

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Lent Sunday 22nd February 2015



Clergy: Mgr. Michael J Kujacz RD. Canon David Ryder.

Address St. Bernard's R C Church, Burnage Lane, Manchester M19 1DR Telephone 0161 432 3628

Website <http://stbernards-burnage.homeip.net> Contact: michaelkujacz@hotmail.com

"STAY WITH US, LORD, ON OUR JOURNEY."

1st Sunday of Lent MASS 7/ Creed 11; Sunday P. 148 Eucharistic Prayer2 (p24)



As I get older I find that the world is a funny place, and some of the priorities that people have in life are way beyond me. Having just written that sentence I realize that I am probably echoing the things my parents said when I was growing up! There was an article in one of the papers this week of a young girl who did nothing but plant "selfies" of herself on the net. I got an advert through the post this week, telling me all I need to do to get the body beautiful: in all honesty I think I may have missed the boat on this one! Virgin media spend a lot of time writing to me

every other week, and this week the advert advised me I would get everything for nothing. And I am told that people are flocking to the cinema to see the film '50 shades of grey.' I suppose what I am trying to say, is all these examples are in a way about living in a parallel world, where fantasy is the answer to everything and takes away the pain: It becomes a new drug. You and I know that life is not as easy as all that, and that life is real, some of you have had to face some difficult times during the last few years, and in the end it was the reality of people, family and friends and sometimes strangers who pull you through. This Lent, we have the opportunity to replant ourselves in the real world, to feel the presence of Jesus and come closer to him. He gave his life for us, so that we can make sense of things, and the reality of a living faith is as Pope Francis reminded us last week, "Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone." If by the end of Lent you have discovered you are not alone, then you will have been truly blessed, and you will be a blessing to others.

So try your best, don't forget the Sacrifice Mass on Fridays at 6-30am; and please do come along to the Station Masses, the first one is this Thursday at Sacred Heart, Gorton at 7-30pm; it's a great opportunity to mingle and pray together with our fellow travelers. This Sunday you and your families will be especially remembered in Mass in Jericho, where we will share our Mass, with Christians who are under constant threat, please remember them. Happy Lent, God Bless mj.k.

Francis tweet: Jesus is not a figure from the past: he continues now and always to light the way for us.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (February)

Universal: Prisoners: That Prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity

For Evangelization: Separated spouses: That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian Community.

First Sunday of Lent	22 nd February	Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass
Monday	23 rd February	Mass of Lent [St. Polycarp]	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	24 th February	Funeral Service for Mary Chance Mass of Lent	10am 6pm 7pm	Exposition, Mass
Wednesday	25 th February	Mass of Lent	9-30am	Mass
Thursday STATION MASS	26 th February SACRED HEART	Mass of Lent GORTON	9-30am 7-30pm	Mass
Sacrifice Friday	27 th February	Mass of Lent	6-30am*	Mass
Saturday	28 th February	Mass of Lent	11am 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Second Sunday of Lent	22 nd February	Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass

+ I offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Margaret Delany who has died aged 83; may she see the face of God. +

Masses this week: special intentions, John Kirstein, Charlie Smith, Eddies Marron, Michael Collins, Michael McHale, Noreen Kelly, Canon Moss O'Connell, William Mitton, Dr. Sean Doohan, Mary Callaghan & Thomas Hegarty intention.

Sick; please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Daniel, Bridget, Esther Mate, Martin, Sarah, Agnes Nesbitt, Sheila O'Donnell, Agnes Halligan, Sean Fahey, Pat Jones, Clive Burke, Mary Edwards, Samantha Mulligan Pat Preston, Fr. Pat Early, Debbie Griffin, Louis Kitt, Michael Breslin, Thomas McLoughlin, Mags Chadwick, Pat Kemp, Betty Wilson, Michael Breslin, Eileen McCormack, Elle-Rose Blackhall, David Moorhouse, Joan Kennedy, Richard Kujacz, Caoimhe Grealish, Mary Barrens, Michael Doyle, Eileen McMahon, Bob Cook, Micky Duffy, Jacob Bannister, Eddie & Olive Hogan, Janet Roberts, Kathleen Curley, Fr. Michael Hoare, Mary & John Featherstone, Margaret Keable, Ruth Sivori, Clare Bainbridge, Dr Sean Doohan, Sheila

MacCrimmon, Carolyn Smith, Pat Reid, Simon McDermott, Julie Ann Keeney, Stephen Gatley, Kath Rafter, Margaret Keable, Constance Murphy, Maria Baker, Denny McGuigan, Betty Foster, Steven Moorhouse, Dorothy Hampsey, Martin & Michael Rock, Louis Kerr, Delia Connelly and Colin Pearson.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Pick up yours packs after Mass and return them to the presbytery: our next Baptism meeting is Tuesday 3rd March in the House. Please note the Sacrament will not be celebrated in Lent.



Our Lady's Lamp burns this week for Cabrina, Thank you. There is a list at the back of the Church if you would like to be involved on any particular week. Suggested offering £5

Grateful thanks to those who helped and contributed in any way with the Race Night in aid of the Gapolunya Foundation. We made the amazing total of £1120. Thank you.

Information!!!! Does anyone know Peter Thomas Curley who died recently, who came from Burnage and immigrated to Canada? If you do please contact Fr. Michael.

We are looking to employ a part time Registered General Nurse (RGN) for night duty at **St. Joseph's Home in Longsight.** Anyone interested can obtain more information or an application form by ringing Human Resources on 0161 273 4147 ext. 202 or emailing; pers.manchester@lsplondon.co.uk

CAFOD: Next Friday, **Lent Fast Day,** we focus on **Myanmar** (formerly Burma) where communities have been deeply affected by devastating storms & floods. Please take an envelope today, save whatever you can on Friday, & **return next Sunday.** Because the work of **CAFOD** is so highly regarded once again the UK Govt will **match** all our donations, £1 for £1, up to £5million. **Thank You.**



DROP IN THURSDAY after Mass in the Parish Hall open till 3pm, Good conversation, games, newspapers, constant tea and coffee, and toast. Homemade soup and bread and homemade & treats at 12-30pm, lovely warm atmosphere: don't be shy come and join our regulars become one yourself! This event is for all our Parishioners and members of our local community why not pop in and show your support?



Cornerstone Day Centre: The Jimmy Cricket Laughter Show on Saturday 28th February at St. Kentigern's, tickets £5 in advance from Cornerstone or St. Kentigern's. £6 on the night. Please support this worth cause if you can.

The Justice and Peace Association will be holding a commemoration of the martyrdom of Archbishop Romero on 14 March. The speaker will be Johan Bergstrom-Allen (British Province of Carmelites) and it will be at the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre, Barden Lane, Burnley, BB10 1JD. 1.30pm for 2.00pm start (light refreshments available). Mass 3.30pm.